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SUBJECT: NEW AMOCO FIELDS IN THE GULF OF SUEZ

REF: STATE 05833

1. BELIEVE PROBLEMS IN LOCATING AMOCO DISCOVERIES (REFTEL) STEM FROM OUR USING LARGE SCALE EGPC MAPS JUST MADE AVAILABLE (BEING POUCHED DEPT.) AND POSSIBILITY THAT INTERNAL AMOCO NOMENCLATURE DIFFERS FROM THAT OF EGPC. IN 1974 AMOCO RECEIVED THREE NEW CONCESSIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ, ACCORDING TO TEXT OF AGREEMENTS, THEY ARE CALLED AMOCO SOUTH GHARIB, AMOCO SOUTH BELAYIM AND AMOCO SOUTH GHARA. THESE ARE ALL SEPARATE FROM ORIGINAL PAN AMERICAN (AMOCO) CONCESSION OF 1964, ALTHOUGH SOUTH GHARIB CONCESSION DOES HAVE A COMMON EASTERN BORDER WITH ORIGINAL 1964 CONCESSION IN LATTER'S EXTREME NORTH.

2. NEWEST AMOCO FIND IS IN 1974 SOUTH GHARIB CONCESSION CLOSE TO EASTERN SHORE OF GULF OF SUEZ. SOUTH GHARIB IS A FORMER EPEDECO (JAPANESE) AREA WHICH WAS RELINQUISHED IN 1973. MAJOR NEW AMOCO STRIKES ARE IN TWO WELLS IN EXTREME SOUTHERN PORTION OF ORIGINAL 1964 CONCESSION. THESE WELLS  
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ARE ALMOST DIRECTLY OPPOSITE RAS GHARA.

3. FOLLOWING ARE COORDINATES FOR ALL THREE OF THESE AMOCO WELLS, WHICH AMOCO MANAGER ROSS CRAIG HAS RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO PROVIDE:

SOUTH GHARIB BLOC 300-1, LAT. 28 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 36 SECONDS N, LONG. 33 DEGREES 8 MINUTES 59 SECONDS E;  
GULF OF SUEZ BLOC 382-1, LAT. 27 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 23 SECONDS N, LONG. 33 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 35 SECONDS E;  
GULF OF SUEZ BLOC 391-1, LAT. 27 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 55 AND ONE HALF SECONDS N. LONG. 33 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 10 SECONDS E.

THEY SHOULD OF COURSE BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.  
HOPE RECEIPT OF NEW 1:250,000 GULF OF SUEZ MAP WILL ELIMINATE SUCH CONFUSION IN FUTURE.  
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